

House Resolution 913

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Juneteenth Atlanta upon its 13th Annual Parade & Music  
2 Festival; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, one of the largest and most impactful Juneteenth celebrations in the world,  
4 Juneteenth Atlanta has grown from its humble beginnings into an expansive cultural  
5 movement that unites communities across the African diaspora; and

6 WHEREAS, the 13th Annual Juneteenth Atlanta Parade & Music Festival, to be held June  
7 14-15, 2025, at Piedmont Park, will feature the themes "Reparations Over Everything" and  
8 "True Identity = True Freedom"; and

9 WHEREAS, since its inception, Juneteenth Atlanta has remained committed to  
10 commemorating emancipation and empowering communities through events such as the  
11 Juneteenth Black History Parade, family reunions, cultural markets, and healing circles; and

12 WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Juneteenth Atlanta led  
13 a powerful rally alongside community leaders and 10,000 participants to sustain unity and  
14 recognition during a time of national uncertainty, and in 2021, they overcame extreme

15 logistical challenges to host a record-breaking event with over 250 vendors and more than  
16 2,200 parade participants; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2022 and 2023 Juneteenth Atlanta Parade & Music Festivals featured  
18 expansive cultural programming and major headline performances, with the 2023 festival  
19 attracting over 100,000 attendees and introducing additions such as a wrestling showcase,  
20 karaoke stage, and enhanced stage production; and

21 WHEREAS, Juneteenth Atlanta was invited by the National Juneteenth Observance  
22 Foundation to the White House on June 19, 2024, where Georgia participants performed on  
23 the White House lawn and led a celebratory parade through national monuments; and

24 WHEREAS, Juneteenth Atlanta remains a powerful nonprofit voice for justice, education,  
25 cultural pride, and reunification across the African diaspora, partnering with communities  
26 from across the southern United States, the Caribbean, and the African continent in pursuit  
27 of shared liberation and celebration.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Juneteenth Atlanta upon its 13th Annual  
30 Parade & Music Festival for its historic and ongoing contributions to cultural awareness,  
31 unity, and justice as well as extend their best wishes for a successful event.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
34 Juneteenth Atlanta.